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In re Application of

Paul Defourny and F. Abbassian

Serial No.: 08/696,986

Filed: August 2, 1996

For: DRILLING BIT ASSEMBLY  
AND APPARATUS

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Docket No.: DBS-38-A

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**SUBMISSION OF COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER  
OF ATTORNEY AND RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The above application was filed as a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 based on International Application Serial No. PCT/GB95/00181. When the application was filed, a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the co-inventor Fereidoun Abbassian was enclosed, along with a Petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 explaining why the Declaration of the co-inventor Paul Defourny could not be obtained at that time. The Patent Office issued a Decision on Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) on 30 December 1996, indicating that the Petition could not be accepted due to deficiencies in the Declaration of Mr. DeChief, and the failure to provide the complete last known address for Mr. Defourny.

Upon receipt of the referenced Decision on Petition, renewed effort was made between the attorneys for Applicant and the attorney for Mr. Defourny, and those efforts have resulted in the execution by Mr. Defourny of the enclosed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. The enclosed Declarations thus should satisfy the requirements of an executed Declaration. The enclosed Declaration is dated 16 February 1997 and lists the country of citizenship and the residence address for Mr. Defourny.

In view of the above, the undersigned submits that the Petition is moot since an appropriate Declaration has been executed by each of the named co-inventors.

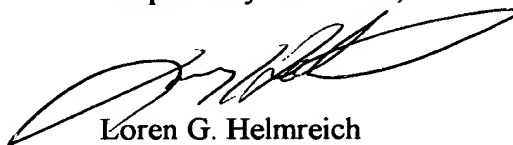
The undersigned assumes that the filing of the enclosed obviates the problems in the original Petition which we addressed in the Decision on Petition. In the event that this assumption

is erroneous, the undersigned requests that this communication be considered a renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).

In the event that any questions with respect to the filing of the required Declarations, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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